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TAGS: MARR, SA, US

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRINCE TURKI TO U.S.

REF: A) STATE 241909; B) USDAO 0782 OCT 74

1. DOD ADVISES IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT AT THIS LATE DATE TO DEVELOP A FINAL ITINERARY AND MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE A USEFUL AND SATISFYING VISIT FOR PRINCE TURKI TO THE U.S. BEGINNING IN MID-NOVEMBER. INITIATION OF A VISIT ABOUT MID-MONTH WOULD RESULT IN INADEQUATE PREPARATIONS, FLAT SPOTS IN THE ITINERARY AND THE STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT TURKI WOULD BE DISSATISFIED.

2. REFERENCE B, WHICH PROVIDES THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE, INDICATES THAT PRINCE TURKI'S SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT MONTH IS NOT FIRM, THAT EMBASSY BELIEVES HIS ACCEPTANCE OF TRIP TO CONUS IN THE NEAR FUTURE WILL DEPEND TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE ITINERARY AND POTENTIAL VALUE OF VISIT, AND THAT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER PRINCE TURKI WILL TRAVEL TO THE FAR EAST.

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3. INVITATION TO U.S. STILL STANDS, BUT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO MOVE THE VISIT BACK. THIS ADJUSTMENT IN TIMING WILL HELP ASSURE THAT THE VISIT IS MORE BENEFICIAL TO PRINCE TURKI. EARLIEST DOD CAN ACCOMMODATE TURKI FOR STARTING A TOUR OF THE U.S. IS FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER, AND SECOND WEEK IS A MUCH STRONGER PREFERENCE. HOWEVER, DEPSECDEF WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE ON 4,9, OR 10TH OF DECEMBER. DOD MUST HAVE AN ANSWER BY 12 NOVEMBER IF THIS OPTION IS CHOSEN. OTHERWISE, IF THAT OPTION IS NOT SUITABLE FOR PRINCE TURKI, THEN VISIT SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER FIRST OF YEAR AND DOD WOULD UNDERTAKE NO FURTHER PLANNING PENDING RECEIPT OF PRINCE TURKI'S PREFERENCES (WE WOULD LIKE A FIRST AND SECOND CHOICE) FOR TIMING OF THE VISIT.
4. ITINERARIES PROPOSED IN REFERENCE A INCLUDE VISITS TO ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AND CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES. DOD WOULD LIKE TO ASCERTAIN TURKI'S CHOICE AMONG THESE.
5. URGENTLY REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING DEFINITIVE RESPONSE FROM TURKI.
6. PLEASE PASS COPY OF THIS MESSAGE TO MR. NOYES AND MR. ELLSWORTH (UPON ARRIVAL) FOR THEIR INFORMATION. INGERSOLL

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